

## Social and Personal

M. and Mrs. Lucian H. Cooke have returned from Europe, and are now at Hollins for several weeks in September before opening their town house in Roanoke, Jr. and Mrs. Cooke sailed from New York in July, and have been traveling on the Continent for the past six weeks. They visited friends in Holland and Germany, and spent some time in Paris and London before sailing for this country.

Mrs. Cooke has recently finished a book of perfectly delightful Southern dialect stories, which will be brought out this fall by a prominent New York publisher.

### Hinkle-Segar.

The marriage of Miss Agnes Langhorne Segar and J. Homer Hinkle, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, was very quietly celebrated on Saturday, August 26, at "Rockland," the home of the bride's parents in Spotsylvania county. Only a few intimate friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

### Attending Dances.

Miss Nell Christian, of this city, was among the out-of-town guests dancing at the hop given at the River-Country Club near Petersburg on Tuesday evening. The dance was a very pleasing affair, and a number of guests were present from nearby towns.

Miss Bargamin, of Richmond, attended the German given in the auditorium at Crozet on Monday evening. The dance was chaperoned by Mrs. Whately, Mrs. J. M. Ellison, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Wiant, Mrs. Martin, of Ohio, and Miss Woods.

Misses Nettie Ruehrmann, Julia Omohundro and Elsie Phillips went to Oysterburg Springs for the past week-end and were among those dancing at the German given in the ballroom of the hotel on Saturday night.

A very handsome kerman was given in Wytheville on Friday night of last week. The dance took place at the Hotel Boyd, in that place, and was an unusually interesting event. Mrs. Curran F. Saunders and Mrs. Roy F. Sexton distributed favors, which consisted of fans, silver pencils, pipes, Chinese caps, skeletons and canes for the men, and bead purses, iridescent bracelets, fans, hair ornaments, Japanese parasols and butterflies for the girls. Punch was served by Miss Bettie Moore and Mrs. Charles G. Hatch.

The German was led by Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee Trinkle and Stuart Campbell and Miss Perry, of Birmingham. Miss Myra Chambers, of Richmond, was present, dancing with Walter Humphreys, and Mrs. J. Cloyd Kent, also of this city, was among the guests attending the German.

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### Berryville Dinner Party.

Says a dinner exchange:

"Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellie gave a dinner at their home in Berryville on Wednesday evening in honor of the horse show judges Reginald C. Vanderbilt Major Ernestine Gulick, L. E. Waring, Charles K. Harrison and Col. George M. Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulligan were also among the guests."

### Back From Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Boulware have returned from a visit to the mountains and seashore, including such points of interest as Natural Bridge, Luray Caverns, Hagerstown, Gettysburg and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Belvin have returned to their home in this city, after a motor trip to Atlantic City and New York. They made the trip in Mr. Belvin's machine, and were absent from Richmond about ten days.

### Miss Fleet Honored.

Miss Lizzie Hill and her brother, M. S. Hill, of "Spring Hill," near Walkerton, entertained a party of young people on Friday evening of last week in honor of their niece Miss Christine Fleet, of this city. Games and contests amused the guests, and supper was served at 11 o'clock.

The guests invited to meet Miss Fleet were Misses Martha Fleet, Misses Acree, Maude Seay, Maude Minter, Emma Kate Sutton, Louise Garthright, Leida Burke, Messrs. J. A. Ryland, Rawley Fleet, Hill Fleet, Alfred Gwynneth, Stuart Minter, William Varn, Sam Acree, Nelson Sutton and Robert Temple Ryland.

### Approaching Weddings.

Invitations have been received here for the marriage of Miss Margaret Alice Hill, of Berlin Heights, O., to Robert S. Dinwiddie, formerly of Charlottesville, the ceremony to take place at the home of the bride on September 6. Mr. Dinwiddie is a son of the late Walter Dinwiddie, of Charlottesville, and for the past four years has made his home in Toledo, O. He has recently accepted a position in Detroit, where he will take his bride after their wedding trip.

Mrs. Fannie Whitehurst Clark has announced the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Sadie Wada Clark, to the Rev. Guy Wirt Wirt, of the late Walter Dinwiddie, of Charlottesville, and for the past four years has made his home in Toledo, O. He has recently accepted a position in Detroit, where he will take his bride after their wedding trip.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stith Spencer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Isabel Friend, to Egbert Snyder Martin, the ceremony to take place on September 26 at Roanoke Presbyterian Church, in Charlottesville county.

Entertained at Virginia Beach. A very charming entertainment was given at Virginia Beach Saturday evening by the occupants of the "Man-shun" in honor of Miss Harriet Winchester, of Macon, Ga. The summer house was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns and many colored electric lights hung in festoons between the pillars beneath which along the walls were embankments of wood ferns and evergreens. Covers were laid for ten, who were Miss Mary Flournoy, of Richmond; Miss Emma Bagland, of Virginia Beach; Miss Mary Conrad, Miss Nancy Lee Janney, of Leesburg; Miss M. W. Winchester, of Macon, Ga.; C. Ward McCord, of Grifton; Dodson, Richard Waldrop and Frank Mast, of Norfolk, and Robert Leeman, of New York.

Upon leaving the table the guests were presented with a dainty souvenir of the occasion, after which they adjourned to the pavilion, where dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

### In and Out of Town.

Mrs. Grayson Hall will spend three weeks in Boston before returning to Virginia, after spending the summer in the White Mountains.

Mrs. Samuel Hinton and Miss Catherine Hinton, who have been spending some time in New Orleans, are now visiting Mrs. Lisby Redford before returning to Petersburg.

Joseph Stumpf, who sprained his ankle two weeks ago, is now much improved.

Mrs. Joseph Wells, of Macon, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. Lisby Redford here, and will also visit New York and Baltimore.

Colonel and Mrs. David G. McIntosh, of Towson, Md., are visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Julia Broden has returned to Portsmouth after a brief visit to friends in this city.

Mrs. Peter J. Otey and Mrs. Miller have returned to Richmond after spending the summer in Wytheville.

Miss Mozelle Robins, who has been visiting Mrs. Rouse in Newport News, has returned to her home in this city.

Dr. Margaret E. Bowen has returned to Richmond after a visit to her parents at Tazewell.

Frank H. Rahm, Jr., who has been ill at St. Luke's Hospital for the past four weeks, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Robert Hill Bowers, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. Prosser Harrison in Newport News.

Miss Mary McGuire Croxton has returned to the city after a visit of several weeks to friends at Ocean View and in the Northern Neck.

Mrs. W. W. Folkes, of this city, is spending some time as the guest of Miss Lola Leonard in Newport News.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward McGuire, of this city, arrived in Berryville on Friday to visit their sisters, Misses Nannie and Evelyn McGuire.

Mrs. R. L. Barnes, of Sherwood Park, who was operated on last week, is now rapidly improving.

Mrs. James A. Courtney, of Clifton, is visiting relatives near Arvon, in Buckingham county.

## WESTMORELAND DAVIS, IN BEHALF OF FARMERS, REPLIES TO HIS CRITIC

The following communication has been received from Westmoreland Davis:

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Sir—My attention has been called to editorials which have appeared from the pen of A. B. Williams in the Evening News, of Roanoke, owned by the Roanoke Times Company, and in the Virginia State Farmers' Institute, attacking me because of an address delivered as president of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute at Staunton on August the 9th.

I would have preferred not to have entered into a discussion of this kind at this time, but as Mr. Williams courts it, I reluctantly comply with his wishes.

At the annual meeting of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute the president makes such suggestions and recommendations as he deems conducive to the upbuilding of the agricultural interests of the State.

In my address I dwelt at some length upon the demonstration work of Mr. Sandy, the compensation of farmers voluntarily submitting their cattle for tuberculosis test, the protection of our farmers by legislation preventing the sale of adulterated seed; the enactment of a limestone grinding bill, which should provide for the establishment of lime grinding plants by the State at certain strategic points, and the sale of ground limestone to the public at a profit to the State.

I further earnestly recommended that legislation be secured under the provisions of the Constitution providing for the election of members of the Corporation Commission by the people.

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members of the institute to the fact that although an overwhelming sentiment existed throughout the State in favor of the passage of what is known as the Virginia State Farmers' Institute limestone grinding bill, it was defeated at the session of the Legislature; that a large majority of both the Senate and the House were in favor of the bill, but that it was so long delayed in the Finance Committee of the House by those who opposed it, but who were not brave enough to vote against it upon record vote, that in order to secure its consideration there the committee was dismissed. The bill passed the House by an overwhelming majority, but reached the Senate too late in the session and lacked one vote of securing the two-thirds vote necessary to its consideration.

Farmers from all over the State at great inconvenience and expense to themselves, and without hope of compensation or reward, went to Richmond and appeared before the committee of the Legislature having the bill under consideration only to be met and defeated by the allied manufacturers of lime and their retainers.

To Arouse Farmers. In order to demonstrate the difficulties which confront the agricultural interests of the State in any effort to secure remedial legislation, and to arouse them to the gravity of the situation in the State, I read to them a paper which was entitled "A Summary of Legislation Considered More or Less Hurtful to Public Service Corporations, Introduced in the General Assembly, Session 1908."

This paper was sent to me as president of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute, and was evidently the report of an agent of certain public service corporations advising their principals of the successful outcome of their efforts in securing the defeat of legislation deemed hurtful to them, but without regard to the merit of the proposed bill from the standpoint of the general public.

The report went so far as to name Messrs. C. V. Meredith, S. B. Patterson and Wyndham R. Meredith, prominent public spirited citizens of the State, who were in their zeal for the public good, had aided in the drafting and preparation of certain bills deemed hurtful to public service corporations. It was lavish in its praise of the services rendered by the corporations by Mr. W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, and Messrs. Scott, Buchanan and Cardwell, of Richmond, to whose efforts they principally attributed the defeat of the bills.

I made practically no comment upon the report, but left it to my auditors to draw their own conclusion as to the conditions affecting legislation in the State.

My address was commended by Governor Mann, who delivered an able speech, in which among other things he promised to recommend in his next message to the Legislature the enactment of a law providing for the establishment of lime grinding plants by the State, and he stated that he felt sorry at times for the farmers, as they were the only class that was not represented by a lobby before the Legislature.

My attitude upon the several questions discussed by me was approved by the Institute, for it was unanimously adopted without the slightest direct or indirect solicitation or suggestion on my part, a highly commendatory resolution, the terms of which appeared in your issue of the 12th of August in requesting the board of directors, in view of my expressed desire to retire from the presidency, to re-elect me as president for the ensuing year.

The press throughout the State with practical unanimity gave support and encouragement to my endeavor.

A Rumbling From Roanoke. Out of a clear sky on Saturday, August 12, there came a rumbling from Roanoke. An editorial appeared in the Evening News of that city, entitled "A Mare's Nest," belaboring the Times-Dispatch because of the publication of the report above referred to, and for engaging in an alleged reckless fight against public corporations and private character.

At the same time, but with acerbity, my address before the Virginia State Farmers' Institute was referred to by the Evening News. Sarcastic reference was made to my personal appearance, and great stress was laid upon the fact that although my hands must appear in a photograph, which accompanied your offending article, the tips of gloves showed from a pocket in my coat, "giving thereby conclusive evidence that his (my) hands must be calloused by much gripping of scythes, rakes, hoes, plow handles and other agricultural implements."

The article, though intended to irritate, amused me. Like you, I was inclined to regard it as the exercise by a provincial editor of his inalienable right to cut his teeth upon a metropolitan journal. I should not have given it further thought but for an editorial which appeared in the Virginian communicated by Mr. Williams, in which he again refers to me. "To the two editors of the Times-Dispatch," he wrote, "I have been bespoken by the hot tears of Mr. Westmoreland Davis, recent recruit from New York."

My personal appearance is of no moment to me, nor can it have interest for the public. The suggestion that a man with gloves has no place among the farmer is worthy of more consideration. The presidents of all the great railway systems of the State, to whom such homage is now paid, all I am sure, wear socks, collars, gloves and enjoy the ordinary comforts of life. So probably does Mr. Williams.

Displaying His Contempt. Has this high priest of the corporate interests reached the point that he is willing openly to display his contempt for the farmers of Virginia? Does he believe that what is appropriate for himself and associates to wear is inappropriate or too good for these citizens of the State? Does he not know that farmers are no longer to be classed as clodhoppers, but that in fact with the application of science to agricultural effort they have become business men, actuated by the same purposes as any other class of society? Does he not know that the great public school system and universities, together with an agricultural college, are educating our youth for agricultural pursuits and to be successful men of affairs, who in times of peace will prove as important a factor in government as did their fathers in time of war?

Does he not know that the "horney hand" is no class, but that the sincere effort of all good government is to make the poor through honest effort richer, and to secure for workman and farmer alike a chance

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tence for himself and at least some of these luxuries which are conducive to the happiness and comfort of his family. If, like Mr. Williams, I were the guardian of corporate wealth, I should hesitate indeed to emphasize a condition which is fraught with danger to the interests that he represents.

Must Be Reckoned With. The farmers of Virginia are no longer a negligible quantity to be treated with contempt as a subordinate class. When aroused they are not without purpose, as evidenced by their enforced demand for the insertion into the organic law of a provision creating a corporation commission, nor will they be appeased until that commission shall be elected by the people, and a "corrupt practices act" adopted by the Legislature which will secure to them all of their rights unaffected by corporate influence or dictation. They have a pure food law; they are striving for an adequate pure seed law, and they will demand legislation securing absolute purity of seed.

In my address I made it clear that I have no quarrels with corporations or with wealth. In their conception, and as legal entities, the great corporations and aggregations of wealth are absolutely necessary to the development of our country and to the public weal. They are entitled to all of the protection that the law affords.

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to any other class of property. It is not from these legal entities that the State has to fear, but it is from the individuals who direct their operation, and who seek to place them above the law, that have to deal.

If the State of Virginia is to come into her own, and if she is to fulfil what should be her great destiny, the undue influence of great corporate wealth must be divorced from her public affairs.

I know that many of the captains of transportation and of industry are men of high purpose, who are deeply imbued with love of our State. These men are valuable citizens, and are entitled to the respect of the community. Men, however, who, drunk with temporary power, abuse the great trusts committed to their care to subvert our public affairs should suffer condign personal punishment.

An offending railroad president, or an individual, or officer of a money corporation, who seeks to unduly influence legislation, or to control the vote of his creditor, should promptly be put to work grinding lime for the farmers of the State of Virginia. Such an example would secure the rights of our people and free forever our legislation and electorate from improper influence.

No Cries of Reproach for Them. Mr. Williams refers to me as a "recent recruit from New York." The presidents of the Norfolk and Western, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern, Chesapeake and Ohio Railways and the heads of many of the great industries of the State are not Virginians in the sense in which he uses the term, and yet of them we hear no cry of reproach. These gentlemen were chosen presumably by the voters of the State; they represent because of their ability to manage the properties committed to their care.

Is a different rule to be applied to the farmers of Virginia from that which is to obtain for the corporations, which are to represent? Why should not the farmers of Virginia, if they like, secure the services of a New Yorker in their endeavor to uphold the great agricultural interests of the State. Is the feeling long prevalent in certain quarters that they have no rights now to be daringly expressed? May they not exercise the privileges accorded to others without invoking a snarl?